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Officials continue
enlisted DOS
rollback program



372ND TRAINING SQUADRON KEEPS AIRMEN PROFICIENT

Tech. Sgt. Steven Bousquet, 372nd Training Squadron propulsion instructor, shows Airmen in his class the different parts of an F-16 Fighting Falcon engine during Aerospace Propulsion Intermediate Maintenance training here Oct. 25. Airmen learn how to build up the core of an engine during the class, which keeps them proficient in their primary duties of maintaining engines. To view more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123277315>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Brittney Frees)

New program gets Airmen out of dorms

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Spangdahlem Air Base is getting its dorm dwellers out of the dorms by giving them the opportunity to explore Europe through the 52nd Fighter Wing's Single Airmen Excursion program, or SAX.

"We just want to give them a ride; there's no mentoring," said Master Sgt. Jaquett Nickens, 52nd Force Support Squadron. "It's a way to get Airmen to where they want to go and have a good time. We drive, and you're free to roam all day."

SAX provides free transportation for up to 30 Airmen to go on monthly trips within two hours of the base. Any E-1 to E-4 dorm resident can go on these trips and meet with the SAX committee to discuss future trips. Committee meeting times are sent out via email to all dorm Airmen.

At a Glance

Spangdahlem Air Base initiated a program that provides free transportation to local area points of interest for Airmen living in the dorms.

If Airmen can't attend these meetings, they can send feedback to the following email 52FW/SAX@spangdahlem.af.mil. Additionally, information will be sent from this email to all dorm Airmen with information regarding each trip. If less than 10 Airmen sign up for a trip, they will also be notified via email the trip has been cancelled.

Airmen can also sign up for trips via a link sent out in the email and must sign up at least two days prior to the trip. To read more, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123278207>.



SUPER SABER PERFORMER

Staff Sgt. Holly Parkman, 52nd Comptroller Squadron wing staff agency executive, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of Nov. 4 - 10. To read more on this Super Saber Performer, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123278421>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Brittney Frees)



Staff Sgt. Scott Cooper, Airman 1st Class Travis Snovel and Senior Airman Daniel Chapman, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron precision-guided munitions maintenance crew members, replace the head of a missile inside the munitions maintenance shop here Oct. 27. The 52nd EMS tests every munition on base after 20 flights or after 180 days to guarantee mission surety and provide combat power to U.S. European Command. For more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123278048>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillon Davis)

52ND EMS PROVIDES MISSILE MAINTENANCE



Above: Senior Airman Daniel Chapman, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron precision guided-munitions maintenance crew member, removes the TV guidance access panel before testing the TV guidance system on a missile inside the munitions maintenance shop here Oct. 27. Left: A TV guided missile undergoes testing inside the missile maintenance shop here Oct. 27.

Spangdahlem Airmen's Attic adds hours, welcomes all

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The Airmen's Attic here, located in the basement of Bldg. 408, will now be open Wednesday from 1 - 6 p.m.

In addition to this the extended hours on Wednesday, it's also open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

While these are the listed hours, Brenda Jones, Airmen's Attic manager, says Airmen are more than welcome to call anytime.

"If anyone is looking for anything in particular they can call us," said Manu Gilbert, Airmen's Attic volunteer. "We'll put the item on a wish list and call them back when we get it. We actually had a guy looking for a toaster and called him when one came in today."

People can also drop donations off in Bldg. 408, room eight anytime.

"If you have items you aren't using, especially military items, bring them here," Gilbert said "There are people who come here who've just permanently changed duty stations, so finding things might be difficult for them. We try to get them what they need."

Workers at the Airmen's Attic can relate to what people new to base are going through.

"I forgot to bring pillows, blankets and

coats," Jones said. "This was our first PCS, and I didn't realize I needed to bring those things. The attic saved my skin, so now I pay it forward by helping others get the things they need."

The Airmen's Attic provides Airmen of all ranks with free items they may need upon arriving, to include:

- Clean clothing for adults and children
- Military clothing and items
- Shoes
- Dishes
- Strollers
- Small furniture
- Electronics
- Books
- Non-perishable food items
- Toys

"Here, it doesn't matter what rank you are, you can come and shop," Jones said. "We only have restrictions on food and electronics, which is for E-5s and below."

There are also limits on how many items can be acquired.

Staff sergeants and below are limited to a maximum of 15 items per day not to exceed 50 per month.

Technical sergeants and above are limited to a maximum of 15 items per day not to exceed 30 items per month.

To read more and view more photos, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123277955>.



Manu Gilbert, Airmen's Attic volunteer, shows the Penales family a stuffed Santa toy for their daughter, Darany, here Oct. 28. Tech. Sgt. Armando Penales, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, and his family just moved from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and picked up items for their new home. The Airmen's Attic is available for all Airmen to pick up and donate household items. They are open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Wednesday from 1 - 6 p.m. to serve Saber Airmen and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Natasha E. Stannard)



USAFE RELEASES 2011

HOLIDAY MAILING DEADLINES

Staff Sgt. Robert Fernandez, 52nd Communications Squadron postal service clerk, writes a box number on a package sent to the post office here Oct. 31. With high postal traffic expected during the holidays, the Military Postal Service Agency has issued a list of cut-off dates to get packages sent out on time. Packages being sent to the U.S. from an overseas address must be sent by the following dates to arrive in time for the holiday: space available mail Nov. 25; parcel airlift mail Dec. 2; priority mail Dec. 9; first-class letters and cards Dec. 9; and express mail Dec. 16. Packages being sent from the states to any APO, FPO and DPO address must be sent by the following dates to arrive in time for the holiday: space available mail Nov. 26; parcel post Nov. 12; priority airlift mail Dec. 1 for contingency locations and Dec. 3 for all others; first-class and priority mailing Dec. 3 for contingency locations and Dec. 10 for all others; express mailing Dec. 17. Mail being sent to APO/FPO and DPO addresses must include the receiving persons full name, unit, PSC and box numbers, APO/ FPO or DPO location and zip code. Packages sent to overseas military addresses will not be received if the base and country is listed on the parcel. For more information, visit <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123278431>. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Natasha Stannard)



LOCAL CHILDREN HONOR ST. MARTIN

Parents with their children participate in a past St. Martin parade through the village of Spangdahlem. Local townspeople celebrate St. Martin Day, which is always Nov. 11, with a number of traditions one of which is a torchlight procession through the Eifel's communities. The dates for celebrations vary from town to town and the processions sometimes take place a few days prior or after Nov. 11. People can ask their landlords or local mayors for details about the date, time and starting point of their town's procession. Most parades kick off between 6 and 7 p.m. (U.S. Air Force photo/Iris Reiff)

What's Going On?

Vehicle safety check

A free winter safety vehicle inspection takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 at Bldg. 222, the vehicle processing center's stall one. Staff members from the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office and ADAC will check tires and vehicles. For more information, call 452-7233 or 06565-61-7233.

Fuelcard Outage

The ESSO Fuel Ration Card System for Germany is scheduled for a system outage from 5 a.m. to noon Nov. 6, which will impact fuel purchases. During these hours, customers in Germany will not be able to use their ESSO prepaid option, obtain or replace fuel ration cards, or make any transactions on their accounts. However, customers may continue to obtain fuel at Exchange fuel facilities and pay using their credit cards, debit cards or cash. The outage is necessary to perform critical system

maintenance and adjustments due to the end of daylight saving time.

Veterans Day concert

Students in Spangdahlem Elementary School grades 1-4 will present a Veterans Day concert at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Spangdahlem Elementary School Multipurpose Room. The program will feature patriotic songs that honor Armed Forces members. For more information, call Jan Peterson at DSN 452-6881 or 06565-61-6881.

Printed PDG delay

The printed version of the 2011 Professional Development Guide has been delayed and will not ship until late December. The PDG has been available at <http://www.pdg.af.edu> since April 29 and is the most current and accurate PDG for promotion testing starting in December. A copy of the Enlisted Promotions References and Requirements Catalog, formerly the WAPS Catalog, is located at

<https://www.omsq.af.mil/TE/EPRRC.pdf>.

Chimney inspections

Germany requires chimney sweeps inspect fireplaces and furnaces at least once a year. If the carbon monoxide concentration is too high or the draft in the chimney is not sufficient, the sweep will warn you. In serious cases, the sweep will shut your system down. Contact your landlord to ensure the chimney sweep comes to your residence as required. If the chimney sweep detects anything wrong with the system your landlord is required to fix it immediately.

Pool tournament

A pool tournament takes place at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at the community center. Prizes are available for top players. For more information, call DSN 452-7260 or 06565-61-7260.

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